

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 36-37 with the following amended paragraph:

Commercially available biodegradable resins were used as the raw materials herein. ~~In this example, the aliphatic polyester type biodegradable resin made by Shown Highpolymer Co., Ltd., and sold under the trademark designation of "Bionolle" #1020, including 30% talc, was used as the polybutylene succinate~~ In this example, the talc-containing (30%) grade of the aliphatic polyester type biodegradable resin made by Showa Highpolymer Co., Ltd. called "Bionoelle" #1020 was used as a talc-containing polybutylene succinate, and the polylactic acid type biodegradable resin made by Shimadzu Seisakusho K.K. ~~and sold under the trademark designation of~~ called "LACT" #2010 was used as polylactic acid. First, ~~these products in the form of pellets as pellets~~ these were dried under a reduced pressure at 80 °C for four hours. ~~The dried resins were severally~~ After drying, they were processed by the dry blend method using an injection molding device to obtain injection molded slide fasteners, namely the molded fastener A which was formed solely of the talc 30%-containing grade of Bionolle Bionolle, and the molded fastener B which was formed of the talc 30%-containing grade of Bionolle/LACT at a ~~maxing ratio of 80/20 (% by weight) or Bionolle/talc/LACT at a mixing ratio of 56/24/20 (% by weight).~~ 80/20 % by weight; namely, Bionolle/talc/LACT at 56/24/20 % by weight.

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